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FOR: PROCESSED BODY CARRYING :
DEVICE, AND PROCESSING SYSTEM
WITH CARRYING DEVICE

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Filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and a Form PTO-1449 reporting five (5) Japanese references. Either machine translations or English abstracts where readily available were supplied. Also submitted as attachments are courtesy copies in English of the International Preliminary Examination Report and the International Search Report which serve together as a statement of relevance under the guidelines set forth in M.P.E.P § 609.04 (a) III.

Further, be advised that two of the Japanese references are design patent references and therefore are only a few pages long. Hence, full copies of the five Japanese references are provided.

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